

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) because reference number appears to point to the motor casing and is described as the "shaft of the motor". In response, Applicant has amended Figure 2 by inserting or adding reference sign 35 to identify the proper shaft of the motor 30.

Attachments: 1 replacement sheet-Figures 2 and 3

REMARKS

Claims 9 and 10 remain in the application. Claims 1-8 have been cancelled.

The disclosure stands objected to because the Examiner contends that it is unclear how the motor 30 is able to turn the sector gear 33. In response, Applicant has amended the specification to more clearly point out that the shaft 35 of the motor 30 is connected to the sector gear 33 by the transmission 31, wherein the transmission 31 may include any means commonly known to one skilled in the art to provide such operable connection therebetween. For example, it is commonly known to mesh the teeth of a worm gear formed on the end of a shaft with the teeth on a sector gear.

The drawings stand objected to as reference number 35 is described as the shaft of the motor on page 4 of the specification, however, Figure 2 shows reference number 35 corresponding to the motor casing. The drawings have been amended in response to the Examiner's objections thereto, specifically, to correcting direct reference number 35 to the shaft of the motor 30.

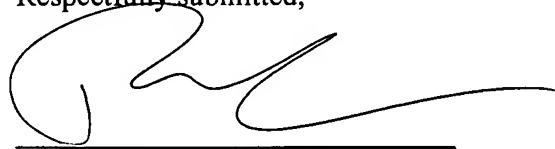
The drawings also stand rejected under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The Examiner has stated that the drawings do not show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner states that the motor operatively connected to the linkage for moving the linkage and step as recited in claims 4 and 9 must be shown or the feature cancelled from the claim. Again, Applicant has amended the specification as noted above to more clearly point out that the transmission 31 couples the shaft 35 of the motor 30 and the sector gear 33. Further, the specification also states that the linkage arm 32 connects and extends from the

transmission 31 to connect with linkage 34. The linkage 34 is connected to the step 20 to control the movement thereof in response to actuation of the motor 30.

Finally, claims 1 and 3-6 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Leitner, U.S. Patent 6,641,158. However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 7 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Previously, Applicant had rewritten original claim 7 in independent form as new claim 9 to include all of the limitations of the base claim, original claim 1, and any intervening claims, original claims 2-6. The Examiner has now indicated that claims 9 and 10 are allowed. Therefore, in response, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-8. As a result, Applicant submits that independent claim 9, as well as claim 10 depending therefrom, is in condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that this patent application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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